



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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At its meeting held May 15, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Director of Children and Family Services' recommendation to adopt and instruct the Chairman to sign resolution certifying Board approval for the Director to execute California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP) Agreement with the California Department of Education (CDE) for Fiscal Year 2006-07 funding in amount of \$16,714,870, for subsidized child care for children under the supervision of the Department who are at risk of abuse or neglect; and certifying Board approval authorizing the Director to execute amendments to agreement to accept additional funding when available, and requiring the County to meet a \$170,019 Maintenance of Effort; approve appropriation adjustment in amount of \$1,631,000 for Fiscal Year 2006-07 to accurately reflect CAPP funding now available; and authorize the Director to complete, execute and forward to CDE the CAPP continued funding application for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"Currently, there are over 4,000 children in foster care who receive \$13 million in child care subsidies from the State each year. This funding enables birth parents and relative caregivers the ability to place the children in their care in child care settings while they attend training, work, school or court ordered activities such as parenting classes.

"Any child that has been removed from their families or deemed 'high risk' and spends part of the day in child care should be guided to high quality child care settings that foster the trust, security and continuity they need during that traumatic time in their lives. Birth parents and relative caregivers need assurance that the child is in the hands of a capable child care provider who understands their special needs.

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“The Steps to Excellence Program (STEP), which is scheduled to begin in July 2007, will provide parents information on child care program quality and will offer child care operators a range of support services to improve the quality of their services. Over the three-year pilot period, STEP will offer technical assistance to over 600 child care providers. These services will enhance the ability of child care providers to work successfully with children and families under DCFS supervision as well as other at-risk families.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the Director of Children and Family Services’ attached recommendation;
2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to direct the Office of Child Care to work in conjunction with the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and the Director of Children and Family Services, to explore how the Steps to Excellence Program could be aligned to increase the pool of child care providers who are trained to work with families involved with or at risk of involvement with the child welfare system; and
3. Report back to the Board within 45 days, with the report to also include ways of further encouraging foster parents and relative caregivers to use free or subsidized child care services, such as State Preschool, Head Start and Los Angeles Universal Preschool.

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#### Attachment

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Each Supervisor  
Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Director of Children and Family Services  
Chair, Policy Roundtable for Child Care